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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN EMBASSY TO CLOSE

1. CHARGE OF EMBASSY OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TOLD AMBASSADOR

AND DCM THAT GERMAN GOVT HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE LOCAL EMBASSY NOVEMBER 13. EMBASSY WAS ENZABLISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO ALONG WITH SMALL WEST RRMAN AID PROGRAM TO PREVENT GUYANA RECOGNITION EAST GERMANY AND TO PRE-EMPT ESTABLISHMENT EAST GERMAN MISSION HERE. THIS RATIONALE OBVIOUSLY NO LONGER APPLICABLE, AND GIVEN MINIMAL WEST GERMAN INTERESTS HERE, CLOSURE BEING MADE FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY.

2. EMBASSY STAFFED BY FOUR EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL. UNTIL HIS RECENT TRANSFER, GERMAN AMBASSADOR WAS DEAN OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS. EMBASSY CLOSURE WILL LEAVE NINE RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE (U.S; U.K; CANADA, P.R.C; INDIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL) DUTCH CONSULATE GENERAL ALSO SERVES AS DE FACTO SURINAM EMBASSY.

3. WEST GERMAN RELATIONS WITH GUYANA WILL AFTER NOVEMBER BE HANDLED BY GERMAN EMBASSY AT PORT OF SPAIN. CHARGE INDICATED
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THAT LOCAL FOREIGN OFFICE EXPRESSED REGRET WHEN INFORMED OF GERMAN

DECISION, BUT THAT IT UNDERSTOOD RATIONALE OF ECONOMY AND LIMITED NATURE OF WEST GERMAN INTERESTS IN GUYANA.

4. CHARGE DOUBTED THAT EAST GERMANS WOULD ATTEMPT MOVE INTO GAP BY ESTABLISHING RESIDENT MISSION BUT IMPLIED RELATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST BY WEST GERMANS IN WHETHER THEY DO SO.

5. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF WEST GERMAN DECISION EXPECTED WITHIN WEEK OR TWO, AND CHARGE REQUESTED THAT IN INTERIM WE TREAT CLOSURE AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION
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